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ICC approves highway-railroad improvements in Decatur

The Illinois Commerce Commission has approved plans for a rail improvement project involving the installation of automatic flashing light signals and gates and renewal of the crossing surfaces at the 27th Street highway-rail grade crossing of the Illinois Central Railroad Company's track in Decatur, Macon County.

The total estimated cost for the safety improvements is \$126,438. The Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) will be used to pay 85 percent of the installation costs, not to exceed \$107,473. The City of Decatur will pay 10 percent of the installation costs, not to exceed \$12,644. The Illinois Central Railroad Company will pay all remaining installation costs, as well as all future operating and maintenance costs. The cost for renewal or rehabilitation, as well as all future maintenance, of the existing crossing surfaces will be paid by the Illinois Central Railroad Company. The project must be completed by August 30, 2007.

ABOUT THE GRADE CROSSING PROTECTION FUND (GCPF)

Project selection and management of GCPF highway-rail safety projects include safety improvements such as the installation of new warning systems, highway approach improvements and the construction/reconstruction of grade separation structures. The Commission administers the GCPF, which is funded by motor fuel tax money designated for rail safety improvements.

The General Assembly appropriates \$27 million annually for GCPF projects.

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